



Intent to Apply to the New Kent Early College Academy: A Pathway to the Certificate or Associate Degree

PROGRAM OVERVIEW:

NKHS strives to offer the associate degree pathway, requiring extremely careful planning of your high school course schedule to satisfy the 61 dual enrollment credits. The certificate offering is roughly half of the associate degree credits. We are confident we can fully support the certificate. We will do our very best to accommodate those wishing to pursue the associate degree, but it is heavily reliant on course offerings. Mrs. Stephens, the RCC High School Navigator, will always gladly work with a family to assess the student's status in fulfilling the remaining requirements outside of NKHS class time and at the full RCC tuition rate, with additional cost to the family. The certificate level (31 credits) often becomes highly tailored to each student and is more easily achievable, due to overlap with NKHS course offerings. It also allows for more course flexibility.

Please be aware that courses at New Kent High School and RCC are subject to change based on availability, which can vary year to year. NKHS is continually seeking ways to maximize all AP and DE offerings to reduce the burden on families. Each student will tailor his/her pathway, based on prerequisites met and success moving through the requirements. Submit this application to the main office or Mrs. Spiak no later than **Wed., Dec. 18**. Upon submission of this completed application the statement of interest will be reviewed. Only students not satisfying the qualifications on page 2 will be denied admission. Students and families will be communicated program status via email and school messages. If there are questions about the program, please contact Mrs. Peggy Spiak, College, Career, and Life Readiness Coordinator, at pspiak@nkcps.k12.va.us.

NOTE: Please indicate the desired program preference.

Associate Degree

Certificate Program

STUDENT INFORMATION:

First Name

Last Name

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Mailing Address:

Street: _____

City: _____ **Zip Code:** _____

PREFERRED PARENT INFORMATION:

First Name

Last Name

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Parent Signature

Date: _____

How Do I Qualify for Early College Participation?

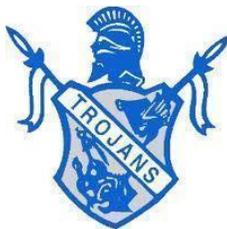
- ❖ **Must be a current 10th grader to apply. Submitting an "Intent to Apply" form in 9th does not substitute for an application for 10th.**
- ❖ **Must be on track with verified credits and the Advanced Diploma. Attendance must also be excellent.**
- ❖ **Applicants must have an "A" average or better (min. 3.5 cumulative unweighted GPA). Students must maintain a minimum 3.0 at RCC and NKHS.**
- ❖ **Students must take World History II Honors as their history for 10th grade. This is required in order to strive to take DE or AP US/VA History in 11th.**
- ❖ **Students must be in good course sequencing in math to successfully complete Trigonometry by no later than junior year to take DE math in senior year. (Pre-requisites: Alg. I, Geom., and Alg.II) Failure to be in sequence results formally not being part of ECA.**
- ❖ **Students are strongly encouraged to take as many rigorous classes (Honors) leading up to 11th grade.**
- ❖ **Submit this page to Mrs. Spiak no later than Dec. 18. (submitting an intent form this year does not substitute for an application next year)**

Early College Timeline:

Wed., Nov. 13, 2024: ECA Family Information Night, 7 PM

Wed., Dec. 18, 2024: Intent Forms are preferred by this date!

December/January: Forms will be reviewed and course recommendations issued by school email.



The Early College Academy program is evidence that RCC and our public school district are working together to respond to Virginia House Bill 1184 and satisfy the requirements of Virginia Code section 22.1-254.13:1. HB 1184 requires local school boards and community colleges to develop agreements allowing high school students to complete an associate's degree or a one-year Uniform Certificate of General Studies from a community college concurrent with a high school diploma.